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SENATOR CLARK: He does.

SENATOR DWORAK: Who does?

SENATOR CLARK: He does. The Director of Environmental Control. See the governor made this determination about two years ago. We decided that we'd pay 12½ percent instead of 15%. He actually made that commitment when we weren't even in session. The committee tried to hold that at 15% but they did not. The governor tried to make this a 12½% so that is the part that we pay, and the city pays. The government pays 75% of it. The Department of Environment Control has the authority to determine which projects are eligible and which are no

SENATOR DWORAK: Now, I see the language stricken from the bill says the State shall, as nearly as possible appropriate such funds. Who's going to appropriate the funds now and where does it say that they're going to appropriate the funds?

SENATOR CLARK: What we're going to do is appropriate them on a cash basis rather than put in the \$5, \$6 or \$10 million. See, before we had it as high as \$10 million in this fund. Approximately \$3 million was allocated out. But the original thought was that we had to have this money in or the federal government would not put their money in. We had to have the cash. That is not true. We do not have to have the cash. So, instead of tying up five or ten million dollars, all we do now is pay on a cash basis. Whatever is allocated is what we pay.

SENATOR DWORAK: This should improve our cash flow situation then?

SENATOR CLARK: It sure should. Then we don't have money lying there for nothing. But we're not taking money away from anyone. I mean, if anyone has a project that's been approved, it's approved and we pay it. It's the same thing as it was before, only we don't have the big cash reserves.

SENATOR DWORAK: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, in addition, a word of explanation. We still set the membership, we still set the appropriation limit each year. This is not an open ended appropriation. It's simply moving the money out to the director of the Department of Environmental Control up to that limit but doing it only on need. Only as Senator Clark has indicated to have a cash flow, a beneficial situation. I did want to emphasize though, we still do set the upper limit through appropriation action each year.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark, do you want to close debate on your amendments?

SENATOR CLARK: There's no closing to it.

PRESIDENT: All right. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. Record your vote. Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, no nays.